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PSB D-16/1

November 15, 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD

SUBJECT: Revision of PSB D-16

The Department of Defense has requested one substitution and three additions in that part of PSB D-16 entitled "Report--Actions Taken, Underway, or Immediately Practicable For The Reduction of Communist Power and Influence in France and Italy." They are as follows:

1. For para. II B 1 e. at top of page 4 substitute the following:
 - e. Military Departments can, in connection with personnel stationed or on leave in the country, adopt programs which:
 - (1) Through positive troop attitudes, public relations programs, local youth activity projects and similar measures, generate good will and strive to weaken Communist strength.
 - (2) Will minimize the adverse propaganda potential of the utilization, if any, by these garrisons of housing, services or facilities which impinge on the indigenous requirements for these items.
 - (3) Through positive forward steps (consultation and cooperation with French authorities, surveys of native public opinion, troop information and education programs, etc.) will forestall adverse criticism arising from force operations and training activities, personnel conduct, etc. Action: Defense.
2. Add the above substitution to the section on Italy, under II B 1 at the top of page 9.
3. Add to the French section, under II B 1 f. at the top of page 4, the paragraph appearing in the Italian section under II B 3 on page 9, which reads: "The U. S. will intensify demonstrations of Western strength of purpose and military capabilities, as in fleet visits and aerial shows, etc. Action: Defense."
4. Add to the Italian Section, under I B 3 f. on page 8, the paragraph appearing in the French section under I B 3 at the bottom of page 2, which reads: "Government should ship military and economic aid cargoes from the U. S. (where title is taken in the U. S.) through ports selected so that port operations would militate against Communist strength. Action: State, assisted by Defense."

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